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SUBJECT:PLO OFFICE IN WASHINGTON

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1. CONTRARY TO STATEMENTS REPORTED REFTEL, THERE HAVE BEEN
NO "NEGOTIATIONS" BETWEEN USG AND PLO CONCERNING LATTER'S
DESIRE TO OPEN OFFICE IN WASHINGTON. FACTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

2. ON NOVEMBER 18, ATTORNEYS ACTING ON BEHALF OF PLO FILED
WITH JUSTICE DEPARTMENT PAPERS REQUIRED UNDER FOREIGN AGENTS
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REGISTRATION ACT TO SET UP A PLO INFORMATION OFFICE IN
WASHINGTON. UNDER PROVISIONS OF ACT, THIS IS ALL THAT IS
NECESSARY FOR A FOREIGN PRINCIPAL TO ESTABLISH REPRESENTA-
TION IN THE U.S. LAW REQUIRES THAT FOREIGN AGENT FILE
PERIODIC REPORTS OF ITS ACTIVITIES AND FINANCES. NO AFFIR-
MATIVE ACT-BY USG IS REQUIRED NOR CAN SUCH ACTIVITY BE

LEGALLY PREVENTED.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH OFFICE IN NO WAY IMPLIES U.S. RECOGNITION OF PLO OR, INDEED, ANY CHANGE IN STANDING POLICY OF NEITHER RECOGNIZING NOR DEALING WITH PLO SO LONG AS IT DOES NOT ACCEPT RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 AND ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST.

4. FYI: OFFICE HAS NOT YET BEEN ACTIVATED. PLO INTENDED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO WASHINGTON TO RUN OFFICE, BUT HE WAS FOUND TO HAVE OBTAINED VISA ON BASIS OF FALSE INFORMATION AND WAS REQUIRED TO LEAVE U.S. ANY PLO MEMBER APPLYING FOR U.S. VISA MUST RECEIVE WAIVER OF INELIGIBILITY FROM JUSTICE DEPARTMENT. THUS FAR, NO APPLICATIONS FOR VISA IN CONNECTION WITH WASHINGTON PLO OFFICE HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. END FYI.

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